IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

)

)

)

)

)

)

)

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PANEL OF ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PARTIES ON APPEAL. S. Ct. Misc. No. _____ - _____

This form is available for download at our website at <u>www.visupremecourt.org/Forms_Download</u> as a fillable PDF form. If you are e-filing this document, please fill out the electronic version of this form and sign with your electronic signature.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO ATTORNEY PANEL

I, _____, being first duly sworn, declare that I am a

regularly-admitted member of the Virgin Islands Bar, and hereby apply for appointment to the panel of attorneys, established by Supreme Court Rule 210.1(a), who have volunteered to provide representation to indigent defendants on a recurring basis subject to the maximum compensation and reimbursement rates set forth in Addendum A to Supreme Court Rule 210. In support of this application, I answer, under penalty of perjury, the following questions relating to my ability to accept indigent appointments and to otherwise serve as a member of the panel.

[Provide a full and complete response to all questions. If the given space is insufficient, you may attach additional information, but each page must be signed, under penalty of perjury.]

CONTACT INFORMATION

Professional		Home		
Address:		Address: _		
		-		
Phone Number:		Phone Number: _		
Fax Number:		Fax Number: _		
Email:		Email: _		

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Bar Admissions

Including the Virgin Islands, list every federal, state, territorial, and foreign jurisdiction in which you are, or at any point ever have been, admitted to practice law (excluding *pro hac vice* admissions), as well as your year of admission and whether you are presently in good standing:

Jurisdiction	Bar. No.	Date Admitted	Good Stand	ling?
1. United States Virgin Islands			Yes	No
2			Yes	No
3			Yes	No
4			Yes	No
5			Yes	No

If you are not a member in good standing of each of the Bars listed above, please explain why.

Employment

Are you presently employed?	If the answer is "Yes," please identify your employer:	
Yes No		

If you are an associate or other non-supervisory attorney at a law firm, has your employer consented to you applying for appointment to this panel? Yes No

Other than your present employer, list the last five legal positions that you have held since graduating law school.

1.	
5.	

Application for Appointment to Attorney Panel Page 3 of 6

FITNESS

Have you ever been disbarred or suspended from practicing law, been denied full or *pro hac vice* admission, been accused of the unauthorized practice of law, or are presently the subject of any disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction?

Yes No If the answer is "Yes," please explain the circumstances:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, held in civil or criminal contempt, sanctioned by any court, or criticized in a judicial opinion?

Yes No If the answer is "Yes," please explain the circumstances:

Have you previously applied for appointment to this panel, or a similar panel established by another court, and have had your application denied?

Yes No If the answer is "Yes," please explain the circumstances:

Have you ever been accused, in an appeal, a motion for a new trial, or a petition for writ of habeas corpus, of providing ineffective assistance of counsel to a criminal defendant?

Yes No If the answer is "Yes," please explain the circumstances:

Application for Appointment to Attorney Panel Page 4 of 6

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE

Appellate Experience

Approximately how many appellate briefs have you prepared?	
Of these appeals, approximately how many were criminal or habeas appeals?	
How many appeals have you personally argued before an appellate court?	

Please list up to three criminal or habeas appeals you have handled, preferably before the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, or the Appellate Division of the District Court of the Virgin Islands. If you have not handled any criminal or habeas appeals, you may list civil appeals.

	Case Name	Case Number	Court
1			
2			
3			

Trial Experience

Supreme Court Rule 210.3(h) provides that, if the Supreme Court orders a new trial or otherwise remands a matter for further proceedings in the Superior Court, court-appointed counsel possesses a duty to continue to represent the defendant in those proceedings. Briefly describe any criminal trial or other experience relevant to evaluating your competence to represent a defendant in the Superior Court in the event of a remand:



Application for Appointment to Attorney Panel Page 5 of 6

Indigent Representation

Have you ever been appointed to represent an indigent party in proceedings in the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands, the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, or any other court?

Yes	No	If the answer is "Yes," identify the last three appointments:
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
Have appointed cas	•	Anders brief or otherwise attempted to withdraw from a court-
Yes	No	If the answer is "Yes," explain the circumstances:
Please	e indicate if you are	e fluent in any foreign languages.
Spanish	French	Haitian Creole (Others)
	e provide any addit represent indigent i	tional information that you believe is helpful in evaluating your ndividuals.

Application for Appointment to Attorney Panel Page 6 of 6

REFERENCES

Please provide us with the names of at least two members of the Virgin Islands Bar who can assess your skills relevant to this panel.

Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Phone Number:	Phone Number: _	
Email:	Email:	

APPLICANT PREFERENCES

If appointed to the panel, would you prefer that your appointments originate from a particular Judicial Division of the Superior Court?

St. Croix	St. Thomas/St. John	No Preference
-----------	---------------------	---------------

If appointed to the panel, do you have a preference as to which type of cases you would prefer to be assigned to you?

Murder	Other Felonies	Misdemeanors
Habeas Corpus	Family/Civil	No Preference

I declare, under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. In addition, by my signature below, I authorize the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands and its representatives to make further inquiry with any government or private entity or individual concerning myself and this application. Moreover, I recognize that the Supreme Court and its representatives may require that I submit additional materials in support of this application, including Certificates of Good Standing evidencing my bar membership in all jurisdictions admitted.

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTE: Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 40.4, you may sign this document with your electronic signature.